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California Commission on Improving Life Through Service **media advisory**

SACRAMENTO TO BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICE OF HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS

*More than 400 Community Service Volunteers to Restore American River Parkway,
Refurbish Homeless Shelters & Clean up the Sacramento Zoo*

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- WHO:** Directors of community service programs will volunteer themselves, as part of the "United in Service" statewide service conference and training.
- WHAT:** Volunteers will remove non-native plants from the American River Parkway, clean and repair homeless shelters, stock a food bank and clean up the Sacramento Zoo.
- WHERE:** **American River Parkway**
Sunrise exit off Highway 50, head north on Sunrise and make a right on South Bridge Street to Parkway entrance (Once in the park, take a right at the first stop sign and follow the road that will lead you to gravel parking area). The project will take place along the riverbank.
*Volunteers will be uprooting non-native plants in an effort to restore the riverbank to its natural habitat.
Bishop Quinn's Cottages
1500 N. A Street (between 12th and 16th Streets)
*Volunteers will be refurbishing the homeless shelter for those who are accepted in the counseling and job skills program that Bishop offers.
Sacramento Zoo
3930 W. Land Park Drive (when you arrive at the main gate, ask for Rodney Orosco who will escort you to the service site)
*Grounds around the Sacramento Zoo will be cleaned by volunteers.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 16
Projects will be running from 1:30 to 3:30 (cameras are welcome during these hours)

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The California Commission on Improving Life Through Service, which resides within the Governor's Office, is the state's community service commission designed to address the state's most critical social and environmental issues.